

Sample Letter of Notification to Applicant

Date:

Dear (Grazing Permittee/Leassee):

The Bureau of Land Management is in the process of consulting with (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service) regarding the effects of (name of activity, e.g., issuing grazing permit, constructing livestock management facilities, or treating vegetation) on threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat. As an applicant for the (permit, project), you are invited to participate in the consultation process required by the Endangered Species Act. As an applicant, you are encouraged to 1) contribute information that can be used in the analysis of project impacts, 2) participate in discussion of the Service's review and evaluation, 3) help identify reasonable and prudent alternatives, and 4) participate in the comment process if the Service completes a draft Biological Opinion.

Please let us know by (date) if you would like to participate in the consultation process.

Sincerely,

Authorized Officer